

FEBRUARY CALENDAR**COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2006 AT 8:00 PM**

Education Committee.....First Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 pm (02/07/06)
 Parks & Recreation Committee.....Third Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm (02/16/06)
 Planning & Zoning Board Last Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 pm (02/28/06)
 Tourist Bureau..... Re-scheduled for this month only due to President's Day,
 Meeting date is Monday, February 27, 2006 at 9:30 am

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Beach Walking Path.....Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m.
 Surfside Municipal Building, 9293 Harding Avenue, Commission Chambers

VALENTINE'S DAY YOUTH DANCE

Friday, February 10, 2006 7:00-10:00 pm
 Community Center, 9301 Collins Avenue

PRESIDENT'S DAY: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2006

Town Hall and the Surf-Bal-Bay Library will be CLOSED.
 Surfside Tennis Center will be CLOSED, unless a pre-arranged appointment is made.

Regularly scheduled Recreation Department classes will be held. The Community Center and Pool will be OPEN.

CRIME PREVENTION WORKSHOP

Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 6:30 p.m., 2nd Floor Police Training Room

UPCOMING:

Surfside Election Day.....Tuesday March 21, 2006
 Universal Studios Youth Trip.....Saturday, March 25, 2006

Please note that all times & dates listed, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change. Please verify the information by contacting Town Hall at (305) 861-4863, or visit our Website at www.townofsurfsidefl.gov for updates..

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LIBRARY	(305) 865-2409
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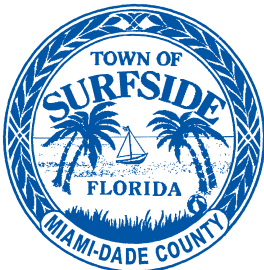
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9293 Harding Avenue

Surfside, Florida

February 2006

FROM THE MAYOR'S CORNER

The New Year is in full swing. If you were unable to attend Surfside's New Year's Eve Gala, it was a heck of a party. Kudos are extended to the Tourist Board for a well-planned and memorable event. The fine men and women who comprise the Surfside Police Department are also to be thanked for their outstanding

commitment and ability to ensure the safety of our community, 24/7, 365 days a year. Recognition must also be directed to the Sanitation Department. They perform side-yard garbage pick-up six days a week, which is a level of service unheard of elsewhere.

I am proud to announce that the FBI's year long investigation of the Town's

activities has revealed no improprieties of any sort. This revelation and last month's top award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, for excellence in municipal financial accounting, are a positive testament to the exceptional fiscal

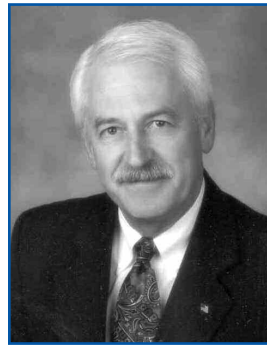
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Surfside Welcomes New Town Manager, W. D. Higginbotham, Jr.

W. D., as everyone knows him, became the Surfside Town Manager on Monday, January 30. W. D. comes to us from Melbourne Beach, Florida where he served as Town Manager for nearly two years. Melbourne Beach is similar in size and population to Surfside and is located on a barrier island as well.

W. D. earned a Certificate in Accounting from University College, Tulane University, in New Orleans. After 16 years in the private sector, he became the Assistant Finance Director, and later the Finance Director, for Redwood City, California. Moving forward in his career, he accepted a position as Assistant City Manager for

Bakersfield, California. In the Summer of 1984 W. D. became the City Manager for Gainesville, Florida. During his successful, five year administration, W. D. was best known for his "customer service" commitment to the citizens of Gainesville and high employee moral. Following his resignation in 1989, W. D. remained in Florida and focused most of his energy consulting and grant writing for governmental agencies. In June of 1996, W. D. joined the Regional Planning Council in Gainesville as its



W. D. Higginbotham, Jr.

Director of Economic Development. His responsibilities included tourism promotion, as well as other economic development activities in the 7,000 square mile North-Central Florida Region. He left the Planning Council in early 2004 to accept the Town Manager position in Melbourne Beach.

W. D. has two sons, three daughters, three grandchildren and another granddaughter on the way. All of his children are grown, with the youngest graduating from college this May. W. D. is engaged to marry Dona in the near future.

W.D. brings to Surfside an exemplary and extensive record of public service and private sector experience. W. D. says, "I am excited to join the Town of Surfside and look forward to working with the residents, Commission and administrative staff to meet the needs of this thriving and growing community."



Notice of a Public Workshop "Beach Walking Path"

Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.
In the Surfside Municipal Building
9293 Harding Avenue,
2nd Floor Commission Chambers



SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS



1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager Jeff Smolansky announced that this meeting would be his last with the Town. Mr. Smolansky has been working with incoming Town Manager W.D. Higginbotham, Jr. in an effort to make the transition a smooth one. He expressed no doubt that the Town will continue to move forward with Mr. Higginbotham at the helm. He said that Mr. Higginbotham is very qualified, competent and will fit in well with the staff and residents.

The Town Manager announced that the staff has been working diligently to introduce broadcasting of the Town Commission meetings on the newly designated Surfside cable Channel 77. He stated that basic equipment must be purchased in order to commence broadcasting, and requested that the Town Commission waive competitive bidding. The initial equipment consists of one wide-angle camera, a DVD recorder and all the broadcast software, labor, installation and training. He noted that there are other components that are available which will enhance broadcast features. These items include a second camera that rotates or moves to focus in on a speaker, or a TV screen which enables everyone in the Commission Chambers to see what is being presented, etc. He suggested that the Town Commission set aside about \$20,000 in the future so that the new Town Manager could come back to the Town Commission with various options for the additional equipment.

The Town Manager said that staff would be trained to operate the equipment. Once the software is installed, meeting schedules could be broadcast immediately on the 24-hour channel.

The Town Commission waived competitive bidding and authorized the purchase of hardware in the amount of \$13,410.99 and software in the amount of \$5,974.22 for a total of \$19,285.21,

piggybacking on the Broward County School Board contract. **The motion carried unanimously.**

The Town Manager announced that every effort has been made to sell the old Town Bus via a competitive bid process, advertised to the public and extended to Town employees. No one has expressed an interest in purchasing the vehicle. He noted that there are some charities that might be interested in the vehicle and asked that the Town Commission declare the bus as surplus so that it could be donated to charity.

The Town Commission subsequently moved to declare the 1981 Blue Bird, 16 Passenger mini-bus, Vehicle Identification Number DJP32M7B3502213, with 6,760 miles as surplus property and moved to donate the vehicle in an "as-is" condition to a worthy charity or non-profit organization to be determined by the Town Manager. **The motion carried unanimously.**

The Town Manager reported on renovations at Novack Park. New sod would be delivered this weekend and it would take approximately 10 days to set. He explained that the upcoming Parks and Recreation Department event, "Movie Under the Stars" scheduled to take place in Novack Park, might have to be moved to the pool if the ground is not ready for use.

The Town Manager recommended that the Town Commission approve the purchase of playground equipment from Playmore, piggybacking off of the City of Jacksonville's contract. He stated that the equipment cost \$12,282 and requested approval to purchase the equipment. Following discussion, the Town Commission approved the expenditure, and waived the competitive bid process, piggybacking off of the City of Jacksonville's contract. The Town will purchase the equipment in the amount of \$12,282, pending approval by the Parks and Recreation

Committee. **The motion carried unanimously.**

The Town Manager announced a Beach Walking Path Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Commission Chambers.

The Town Manager announced that the Storm Sewer Cleaning began on Monday and should take approximately 60 days to complete.

Regarding privatization of the Town Mini-Bus Service, the Town Manager recommended that the Town Commission enter into an agreement with Limousines of South Florida, a very large company that has various contracts in Dade and Broward County, including the Fort Lauderdale Airport. He stated that the cost for the service will be \$30.25 per hour and the Town will be responsible for the gasoline. He recommended that the Town Commission waive competitive bidding and award the contract to South Florida Limousine Service, piggybacking on the contract the company has with Bal Harbour. The two-year contract will include insurance, a driver, maintenance, tires, etc. The company will also store the vehicle on their site. The Town Manager announced that an internal route could begin immediately and that routes to the north and south could be added.

The Town Commission authorized an agreement between the Town and Limousines of South Florida, Inc. pursuant to terms already agreed upon and subject to approval of the formal contract by the Town Attorney's office. **The motion carried unanimously.**

The Town Manager reported that in the past the Town's general employees were awarded the same benefits as were awarded to the Police Department employees, however it is no longer feasible to pass on to all of the general

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Acrobatics and Tumbling:**Resident \$22 / Non-Resident \$38 (per child 4 weeks = 4 classes)**

Boys and girls 10 and up are invited to join our tumbling and acrobatics class taught by certified instructors. Learn the basics of both tumbling and acrobatics.

Wednesday (Session I)

Ages: 8 - up

February 1 - February 22

6:00 - 7:00 pm

**SURFSIDE TENNIS CENTER**The regularly scheduled Hours of Operation are listed below. However, the tennis courts are open anytime by pre-arranged appointments. *For more information please call the Tennis Center at 305-866-5176.*

Monday through Thursday

4:00 - 10:00 pm

Saturday

Noon - 6:00 pm

Friday and Sunday

Opened by pre-arranged appointment.

Tiny Tot & Teen Tennis Classes

Wednesday Ages: 12 - up (Teen)

February 1 - February 22

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday Ages: 5 - 6 (Tiny Tot)

February 1, 8, 15, 22

7:30 - 8:30 pm

Fee: \$12 per 1 class; \$44 per 4 classes. Limit 8 students per class.

Junior Tennis Intermediate Classes

Saturday Ages: 9 - 14 (Int.)

February 2 - February 23

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Tuesday Ages: 9 - 11 (Junior)

February 4 - February 25

11:00 - Noon

Fee: \$12 per 1 class; \$44 per 4 classes. Limit 6 students per class.

New Program – Intermediate Adult Doubles

This class offers a chance for participants to enjoy an hour and a half of playing time with a tennis professional. Reservations required by Monday prior to the session. Fees: (\$12 per event)

Thursday

February 2 - February 23

7:30 - 9:00 pm

Saturday

February 4 - February 25

1:00 - 3:00 pm

*The Surfside Police Department invites all residents to attend a***Crime Prevention Workshop****Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.***Guest Speaker:***Officer Al Perez, Miami-Dade Police Department****TOPICS:***Lottery, Phone & Identity scams, Pigeon drops, Pickpocket alert***Surfside Municipal Building, 9293 Harding Avenue, 2nd Floor Police Training Room***Bring a friend & you will both receive a complimentary gift, courtesy of the Surfside Police Department
Light Refreshments will be served.***Please RSVP: (305) 861-4862 to confirm your attendance**

Jump Rope: Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$64 (per child 8 week = 16 classes)

Classes are designed to inspire and motivate physical fitness through jump rope as a lifetime sport. The Beginner Jump Rope Program will be used as a feeder program for the Competitive Jump Rope Team. Appointment to the Competitive Jump Rope Team is by invitation only. **Note: Registration in Progress.** Tuesday and Friday (Session I) **January 10 - February 28** **Ages: 7 and up** **3:30 - 4:30 pm**

Beginner Chess Program: Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$65 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)

This program is for children that want to learn how to play chess or for children who are familiar with the game and want to improve on their abilities in a fun learning environment. Note: Registration in Progress. **Dates are subject to change based on facility.**

Saturday (Session I) **January 21 - March 11** **Beginners** **Noon - 1:00 pm**
Open **1:00 - 2:00 pm**

Arts and Crafts: Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$60 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Join the fun with this instructional Arts & Crafts program for kids. Children will create projects with paper, fabric, and other age appropriate media. Classes are taught by certified teachers. Note: Registration in Progress. **Dates are subject to change based on facility.**

Saturday (Session I) **January 21 - March 11** **Ages: 3 and up** **10:30 - 11:30 am**

Kidokinetics: GIVE YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF FITNESS***Resident \$56 / Non-Resident \$72 (per child 7 weeks = 7 classes)***

Kidokinetics is a way to improve and enhance your child's fitness. Each week we work on different sports in a non-competitive setting. This program helps to develop their motor skills and self-confidence. We teach the basic of various sports. Our classes are for boys and girls. Note: **Registration in Progress. Classes will be held at Novack Park (9572 Bay Drive)**

Session I: **January 17 - March 7**
 Tuesday **Ages: 3 - 5** **4:30 - 5:15 pm**
 Tuesday **New: Ages: 5 - 10** **5:15 - 6:00 pm**

Session II: **March 14 - May 9 (No Class Tuesday, April 11)**
 Tuesday **Ages: 3 - 5** **4:30 - 5:15 pm**
 Tuesday **New: Ages: 5 - 10** **5:15 - 6:00 pm**

***Gymnastics: Mini Session******Fees: Residents \$22/ Non-Resident \$38 (per child 4 weeks = 4 classes)***

Come join our gymnastics program taught by certified instructors. Through praise, encouragement and skillful attention, your child will be taught the sport of gymnastics.

Note: Registration in Progress.

Session I **February 1 - February 22**
 Wednesday **Ages: 3 - 5** **4:00 - 5:00 pm**
Ages: 6 - 10 **5:00 - 6:00 pm**

Session II **February 2 - February 23**
 Thursday **Ages: 3 - 5** **4:00 - 5:00 pm**
Ages: 6 - 10 **5:00 - 6:00 pm**



FBI Investigation Clears Town of Surfside

On January 10, 2006, Surfside Town Attorney Stephen Cypen, and Special Counsel Robert Josefsberg, had a conference call with FBI Agent Bob Jones. In that conversation, Agent Jones told Mr. Cypen and Mr. Josefsberg that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had completed its investigation and was taking no action of any kind in the matter involving the Town of Surfside.

Agent Jones invited the Town to pick up its numerous files that had been delivered to the FBI for their review. The Town will be retrieving their files in the near future.

The Town of Surfside is gratified that this extremely close examination failed to yield wrongdoing of any sort.

"We were always extremely confident

that our house would be found in order," Surfside Mayor Timothy Will said in a written statement.

"The Town administration is obviously pleased with the favorable resolution of this matter and will continue to respond to the needs of its citizens through careful planning and fiscal accountability."


SURFSIDE EMPLOYEES HOLIDAY FUND


It is the pleasure of Town Hall employees to serve, and work, with all the Surfside residents and business owners throughout the year. We wish to acknowledge everyone who so generously contributed to the 2005 Holiday Fund, and extend our sincerest gratitude to the volunteers who comprise the Surfside Employees Holiday Fund Committee **Dorie Lurie** (Chairperson), **Evelyn Jordan** (Vice Chairperson), **Harvey Lisker** (Treasurer), **Rita Lebowitz** (Secretary), and Commissioner **Orestes Jimenez** (Member-at large), for their tireless efforts on our behalf. *We thank you for making our holiday even brighter!*

Mariano & Isabel Alemany
Juan & Dulce Alvarez
Carlos Amieva
Marta Amieva
Paul & Dorothy Anderson
Anita Auch
Laurence Baldwin
A. Godoy Becker
Lori Kahn & Ronald Bentley
Daryl Bernstein
Herbert & Claire Block
Rob Laviano & Helen Cabrera
Nirta Martin & Sylvia Carvajal
Paul Ceuzin
Ramiro & Maria Cubas
Ralph D'Ovidio
Maurice & Madeleine Dery
Dana Kulvin & Daniel Dietch
Cecilia Escobar & Yolanda Dominguez
Celeste Edell
Jose & Lori Eduarte
Ada Fernandez
Patrick Perpeira & Marilyn Fernandez
Jack Frank
John Gaige
Charles & Leila Gaines
Soraya & Mario Garcia
Jeannette Gato
Robert & Marilyn Goltzman
Carmen Gonzalez
Alfonso & Julieta Grenier
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Grace & Charles Heising
Pablo & Margarita Hernandez
Jonathan Horn
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Micahel & Rosemary Karukin
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Jean Deblinger & Adrienne Kristall
Nathan & Sherri Lebowohl
Hazel Lee
Wilfredo & Suzanne Lee
Ethelyn Lieblich
Elida Mangan
Morris & Charlotte Marcus
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Jose Vazquez
Vidal & Manuela Viera
Barbara Zaitz
Miguel & Esther Zamek
Anne Zavis





ELECTION NOTICE CORRECTION*

(*Correction below in bold type)

The qualifying period for the Town's Commission election, scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2006, is from Wednesday, January 25, 2006 to **Tuesday, February 14, 2006.**

Candidate packages are available from the Town Clerk during the qualifying period. Any candidate who wishes to run for office must identify the seat he or she wishes to run for and submit a completed candidate package **by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2006.**

For more information, please contact the Town Clerk at (305) 861-4863.

Commission Highlights

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employees the current Police contract benefits. He noted that the Town of Surfside offers a very low amount for longevity for its general employees (\$1,000 in the 7th year, \$1,250 in the 11th year, \$1,500 in the 15th year and it is capped at \$1750 for 20+ years.) This being the case, the Town Manager suggested the implementation of a three-step increase in longevity, as follows: 5% per year beginning in the sixth year, 7 ½% in the 11th year, and in the 16th year 10%. The Town Commission agreed with the plan, citing this as a step to improve the employees' compensation and make the Town more competitive in the job market. The change could potentially assist in the retention of employees and bring up the caliber of employees in a fiduciary responsible way.

The Town Manager stated that the trailers for the Library would be delivered on Thursday and the Recreation Department trailers would be coming the following week. The Town Manager noted that with the trailers arrival, parking would be at a premium. He suggested that the immediate demolition of the building next to Town Hall would free up space for temporary employee parking. He requested authorization to move forward with the demolition of the building and installation of asphalt, and to waive competitive bidding for the demolition and paving in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. **The motion carried unanimously.**

2. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Stephen Cypen reported that the FBI investigation is closed and that there is no action being taken against the Town. He stated that agents have asked the Town to pick up all the documents comprising the investigation.

The Town Commission approved the

following Resolutions and Ordinances:

3. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida appointing W.D. Higginbotham, Jr., as Town Manager; approving the employment agreement between Higginbotham and the Town; and providing an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

4. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida extending Jeff Smolansky's appointment as Town Manager; and providing an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

5. A Resolution amending Resolution Numbers 1679, 1680, and 1681, the Annual Appropriations Resolutions adopted September 22, 2004, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, for the purpose of increasing said appropriations relating to operational requirements and other budgetary adjustments required to the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 Budget; containing a repealer provision, a severability clause, and an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

6. A Resolution of the Town of Surfside, Florida, authorizing and directing the Town Manager and the Town Clerk to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement and the Town Clerk and the Town Police Chief to execute a joint declaration with the School Board of Miami-Dade County. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

7. An Ordinance of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Chapter 90 "Zoning," of the Town Code by amending Section 90-92 "Special Exceptions" to provide that the Town Commission may grant a special exception to permit a hedge up to six feet in height on a corner lot which meets certain conditions; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

Ordinance for Second Reading/Public Hearing - Pension Plan for Police Officers

8. An Ordinance of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Chapter 2 "Administration," Article V "Employee Benefits," Division 2 "Pension Plan," of the Town Code by amending Section 2-171 "Definitions" to amend the definition of Average Final Compensation For Police Officers; by amending Section 2-175 "Military Leave" to allow police officer members to purchase up to six years of prior military or law enforcement service; by amending Section 2-176 "Service Retirement Allowance" to provide for normal retirement by police officers upon attainment of age 52 with 20 years of creditable service or the completion of 25 years of creditable service with the Town, to increase the benefit multiplier for police officers, and to increase the total annuity for police officers; by amending Section 2-180 "Contributions By Members" to provide that police officer members shall contribute eight percent (8%) of earnable compensation; by amending Section 2-182 "Vested Rights; Effect Of Salary Payments, Deductions For Plan," to provide ten year vesting for police officers; by amending Section 2-189 "Disability Retirement And Retirement Income" to eliminate social security and worker's compensation off-sets for police officer members; by creating a new Section 2-193 "Deferred Retirement Option Plan" for police officer members; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for inclusion in the Town Code; and providing an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION SURFSIDERS: An Important Programming Update

The Parks and Recreation Department will continue to hold scheduled programs. Please refer to the Town Gazette and website www.townofsurfsidefl.gov for program locations, dates and times, or call the Parks and Recreation Department office (305) 866-3635 for details.



“Movie Under the Stars” on Saturday, February 18, 2006

Featured Film: “Daddy Day Care” Rated: PG

Novack Park, 9572 Bay Drive

Park gate opens at 6:30 p.m.; movie will start **promptly at 7:00 p.m.**

Movie is **free of charge** for: Surfside residents & their guests. Proof of residency is required. Guests must accompany the Town Resident for admission. Hotel Guests with Hotel Identification. Movie goers are welcome to bring blankets, chairs, etc.



Senior Program Starting February 1, 2006

Every Wednesday 10:00 am – Noon

The Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a morning of activities for Seniors at the Community Center. Come join and play dominoes, cards, board games, mah-jongg, and more! Activities are Free. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.



February Programs *Surfside Community Center Adult Classes and Programs*

Yogalates: Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Yogalates integrates exercise from Yoga and Pilates. The results are increased flexibility, stronger core strength, and greater overall power and grace. This is an effective and challenging workout for all ages and fitness levels. **Note: Registration in Progress.**

Thursday (Session I) **February 9 - March 30 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**



Yoga: Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Enjoy invigorating and relaxing yoga classes while engaging in techniques that benefits your mind, body, and spirit. You will learn proper breathing exercises and relaxation methods long associated with this proven ancient tradition. **Note: Registration in Progress.**

Monday (Session I) **February 6 - March 27 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Pilates: Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Pilates focuses on core strengthening (abdominals) and helps reshape the body by creating long, lean muscles. It also helps to strengthen the back muscles and increase flexibility. **Note:**

Registration in Progress.

Tuesday (Session I) **February 7 - March 28 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Wednesday (Session II) **February 8 - March 29 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**



The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department Universal Studios Youth Trip



The Town of Surfside is hosting a Fun Filled Youth Trip to Universal Studios in Orlando. Children will be able to experience the joy of ET, Back to the Future, Fear Factor and The Mummy.

Fear factor

Saturday March 25th, 2006

Ages: 10—15 (Must show proof of age)

Surfside Residents ONLY

Drop off time will be between 5:15 am — 6:00 am

Buses will be Departing at 6:00 am Sharp

Buses will return to Surfside at 10:30 pm



Cost: \$65.00 per child

NO REFUNDS

Please send additional money for breakfast, lunch, dinner and spending.

Parents are not permitted to accompany their child.

Registration will be on a first come first serve basis. **The last day for registration will be Friday, March 3, 2006.**

For more information contact the Community Center at 305-866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov





Surfsiders enjoy New Year's Eve entertainment & fireworks display

TOURIST BUREAU

The Annual New Year's Eve Gala was a great success! We were fortunate to have perfect weather, with warm temperatures and balmy breezes. Over 300 guests were in attendance poolside. The children's activities, including a clown, cotton candy wagon, balloons and face painting were particularly popular. The Charles Cooke orchestra and Rhythm City productions provided continuous

music all evening. Fireworks and champagne at midnight topped off the gala event.

The next meeting of the Tourist Bureau has been re-scheduled to Monday, February 27, 2006 at 9:30 am.



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responsibility and management that has been delivered by Surfside's dedicated public servants. I believe strongly in our system of justice, and never had a doubt that the claims against the Town's administration would be unfounded.

Surfside owes a great debt of gratitude for the fine example of leadership that departing Town Manager Jeff Smolansky provided during the challenges of the past year. His replacement, the recently hired W.D. Higginbotham, will capably fill his shoes. Mr. Higginbotham has 25 years experience in municipal leadership, extensive public and private sector financial expertise, and has worked as the Manager of similarly-sized beach communities. He was chosen after a statewide search by a unanimous vote of the Town Commission. It is a pleasure to welcome him aboard.

Tim Will

Your Mayor

SURF-BAL-BAY LIBRARY

Storytime: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m., ages 4 and under. The library is closed to the general public at this time, so be sure to knock on the Library door to gain entrance.

For your reading pleasure...

Children's Books: Non-Fiction

- One-Eyed Giant: The Story of Odysseus *by Mary Pope Osborne*
- Crime and Detection *by Brian Lane*

Children's Books: Fiction

- Dragon Boy *by Pippa Goodhart* (An Easy Book)

Adult Books: Fiction

- Mary, Mary *by James Patterson*
- Death Dance *by Linda Fairstein*
- The Sea *by John Banville*
- The Hostage *by W.E.B. Griffin*
- A Certain Age *by Tama Janowitz*

Adult Books: Non-Fiction

- The Complete Audition Book for Young Actors *by Roger Ellis*
- Dean & Me *by Jerry Lewis*



The Surf-Bal-Bay Library will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2006 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Surfside Education Committee Sponsors – Voter Education Day

The Surfside Education Committee, in conjunction with the Miami-Dade County Elections Department, is sponsoring a VOTER EDUCATION DAY for Sunday, February 12th from Noon - 3:00 pm in the Commission Chambers.

Representatives from the Department of Elections Educational Outreach

Program will be visiting our Town to educate our citizens on the operation of the new touch screen voting machine. In addition, they will distribute educational materials including: sample ballots, voter registration application forms, absentee ballot requests, and answer any voting-related questions.

The Committee is very excited about

this event, which addresses the needs of Surfsiders, both young and old. High school students will have the opportunity to become educated participants in the democratic process as they approach voting age. Senior citizens, who are often leery of technology, can learn the Touch Vote "Five Step Process" in a relaxed atmosphere. New residents will learn why it is imperative to revise their address information so as not to jeopardize their voting status.

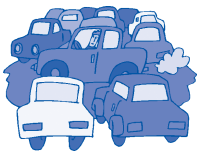
Commissioner Ruben Coto and the Education Committee invite all residents to take part in this event which exemplifies Surfside's support of the democratic process and the importance of an educated electorate. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Commissioner Ruben Coto at rcoto@aol.com with any questions.

Code Compliance Procedures



The Town of Surfside is pleased to report that in January of this year it passed a new, Comprehensive Landscaping Ordinance which outlines the requirements for the installation and maintenance of landscaping and open space in Town. Plant material specifications, including trees, shrubs, hedges, and lawn grass, as well as installation and irrigation, tree removal and minimum design standards are

some of the areas contained in the newly adopted Ordinance. For a complete copy of the Ordinance please refer to the Town Website www.townofsurfsidefl.gov. The Town is currently preparing a "Fact Sheet" which summarizes a number of items contained in the Ordinance. Once the document is completed it will be available to the public for their handy reference.



Florida Department of Transportation Public Information Workshop: "Corridor Transportation Planning Assessment" SR A1A / Harding Avenue / 96th Street

Wednesday, February 22, 2006
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM – Bal Harbour Sheraton, 9701 Collins Avenue



The Florida Department of Transportation will conduct a public information workshop to discuss the Corridor Transportation Planning Assessment for SR A1A / Harding Avenue / 96th Street. The workshop will be held on **Wednesday, February 22, 2006, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**, at the Bal Harbour Sheraton located at **9701 Collins Avenue, Bal Harbour, Florida**.

The primary objective of this study is to assess the transportation needs of the area surrounding S.R. A1A / Harding Avenue and 96th Street. The information workshop is being held in order to receive comments from the general public as well as to inform the public of the study's progress.

Anyone needing special accommodations under the

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact Ms. Marie Suzie Papillon, Project Manager, by telephone at (305) 470-5886 or 1-800-4FLADOT, or by writing to Ms. Marie Suzie Papillon, Florida Department of Transportation, District Six, 1000 N.W. 111th Avenue, Room 6112, Miami, FL 33172, at least seven days prior to the information workshop.



The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

Valentine's Day Youth Dance

Friday, February 10, 2006
7:00—10:00 pm
Community Center
9301 Collins Ave

Children in
Sixth, Seventh, &
Eighth grade

Children are invited to join the Town of Surfside Recreation Department for a Valentine's Day Youth Dance. Students must be in grades six, seven, or eighth and have student identification showing proof of grade level

For more information contact the community center at 305-866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

